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## Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

Depicted in hours			
Goal:	341.7	218.7	420.9
Flown:	127.1	85.6	203.4
Remaining:	214.6	133.1	217.5
As of: Jan. 14	-28.5	+16.3	-12.1

Courtesy 2d Operations Support Squadron

## Weekend Weather



**Today**  
Partly cloudy

**Saturday**  
Mostly cloudy

**Sunday**  
Sunny

Hi: 67  
Low: 46

Hi: 63  
Low: 52

Hi: 45  
Low: 29

Courtesy 26th Operations Weather Squadron

# Air Warrior II brings in A-10s

## Pilots practice close air support maneuvers over Louisiana skies

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY  
THE BOMBARDIER

Barksdale's 548th Combat Training Squadron completed another successful Air Warrior II exercise Tuesday.

While the mighty Deuce enjoyed the family day Jan. 14 and Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. observance, A-10s from the 354th Fighter Squadron of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., took to the skies over northwestern Louisiana conducting close air support for members of the Hawaiian Army National Guard who are training at Fort Polk before both group's deployment to the Middle East later on this year.

Air Warrior II's objective is to hone A-10 pilots' CAS skills in a simulated environment called the Joint Readiness Training Center with Army units and nearly 900 contracted civilians that role play as citizens of Middle Eastern cities and interact as market-goers, protesters and insurgents.

"Those civilians could be people who are just trying to get to work, or they could be someone trying to deliver a car bomb," said Lt. Col. Mark Duffield, 548th CTS commander and evaluator of the exercise. "Air Warrior II tries to add the whole gamut of small and large events that pilots giving close air support must face."

"This exercise has been amazing," Colonel Duffield said. "We're going to look hard at why this one went so well and try to bottle it and feed it to other units when they come in."

Colonel Duffield attributes one of the reasons for this exercise's success to the coordination by the Hawaiian ground forces.

"We've had the ground commanders from the Army who have had the



Airman Tabitha Winger/2d CS

**Capt. Josh Ruddell, 345 Fighter Squadron chief of plans from Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., descends from an A-10 Tuesday after flying an urban close air support sortie over central Louisiana.**

courage to employ close air support in less than perfect knowledge of the battlefield," the colonel said. "Many commanders who have come in before have been very shy about employing CAS because they were worried about collateral damage, which is good, but they would try to get perfect knowledge before they acted and often would not act. These folks in this rotation have had efficient processes of getting information, making decisions and transmitting that plan of action. Added up, use of CAS in scenarios has been 60 percent where in other exercises it has been significantly lower."

The JRTC's fluid and ever changing simulated battleground forces pilots to handle contingencies and dynamic missions where anything can happen. Capt. Josh Ruddell, 354th FS chief of plans, said the experience gained was his work with the Army on the ground.

"Good training is going on with the Army here and at the other Air Warrior facility in Nevada," Captain Ruddell said. "For us, the exercise is a back to basics on coordination between the jets

from the Air Force and the Army units on the ground. The biggest difference about participating in Air Warrior would be the urban CAS opportunity. You can't beat that, it's just one of the best things there is."

Captain Ruddell referred to another unique asset to pilots who participate in Air Warrior II, which is the opportunity to practice urban CAS over the skies of DeRidder, Leesville and Oakdale coordinating sorties to provide simulated support. Though the actual Air Warrior exercise ended Tuesday, the A-10 pilots have stayed throughout the week to continue honing their Urban CAS skills.

"Urban CAS is trying to put aircraft on top of a target inside of a city," Colonel Duffield said. "It is a skill that is needed. You hear about the battle of Fallujah and others recently and the concept is not new, we did the same thing in World War II. No where else on earth is any pilot getting this type of training."

Bomb squadrons from the 2d Bomb Wing flying both simulated and live sorties are planned to participate in Air Warrior II exercises later this year.

# Welcome Blue Flag 05-01 and JTFEX 05-02 participants





# Honor base's newest chiefs

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER

2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

This week we will honor all of Barksdale's newest chief master sergeants with an induction ceremony. We are privileged to serve with these outstanding warriors — they will lead the base and the mighty Deuce to even greater heights in the future. How did they do it? I believe every new chief's and every Air Force member's success is built upon three tenets: our Air Force core values, reliance on the wing vector and personal leadership. It is important that we understand what each of these tenets really means.

Air Force core values are the foundation that defines who we are — collectively as an institution and individually as warriors. We start with integrity because it is the essential element or the foundation on which other values are built. It's being honest with others as well as with yourself and always doing what's right. Airmen with integrity will always do the right thing regardless of the circumstances and even when no one is looking. Next is our service — an enduring commitment and dedication to the mission. Each member must realize his or her needs are secondary to the needs of our great country. This is a 24-hour-a-day commitment, and one that requires many personal sacrifices. This brings us to excellence, our third core value. All Americans have entrusted each of us with our nation's security. This encompasses many things, among which is the care of the resources of our nation, including its most valued treasure — the lives of those who serve. This makes competence or excellence in all things we do as our goal.

Our TWO vector is simple and builds upon the rock solid groundwork of our core values. Total focus on mission excellence, Work together to build trust and an unbeatable team and Offer opportunities for personal and professional growth — this is not just a motto but is the essence of how we go about our daily business. Mission first, taking care of each other while tak-



ing care of ourselves and our loved ones should be the focus of every person here at Barksdale — it is engrained in our culture and if we make it a part of our daily lives we will be unstoppable. The TWO vector is our flight plan to greatness and enables mission accomplishment — to put bombs on target!

Finally, personal leadership is the last cornerstone of success and it is most important. Ultimately it is about making decisions and choices — it shows those around us the quality of our character. The majority of the decisions we have to make are “no brainers.” Deciding what we are going to have for breakfast is not going to test your leadership. No, the true test of personal leadership comes when the stakes are high, when the chips are down, when your gut starts to turn, when the sweat starts to form on your brow, when you know the decision you are about to make may not be popular, but it must be made. That's when your true character is exposed. So remember, the associations you keep, the peers you choose, the mentors you seek, the organizations you join-all help to define your character. But in the end — you will be judged as an individual — not as part of a group. So remember, success in combat — and in life—has always demanded personal leadership built on a depth of character.

So, congratulations to our newest chiefs! As we celebrate their achievement we also learn from their success ... it always comes back to core values, adherence to the vector and personal leadership that keeps us second to none!

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Work together — take care of each other to build trust and teamwork  
Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

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The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

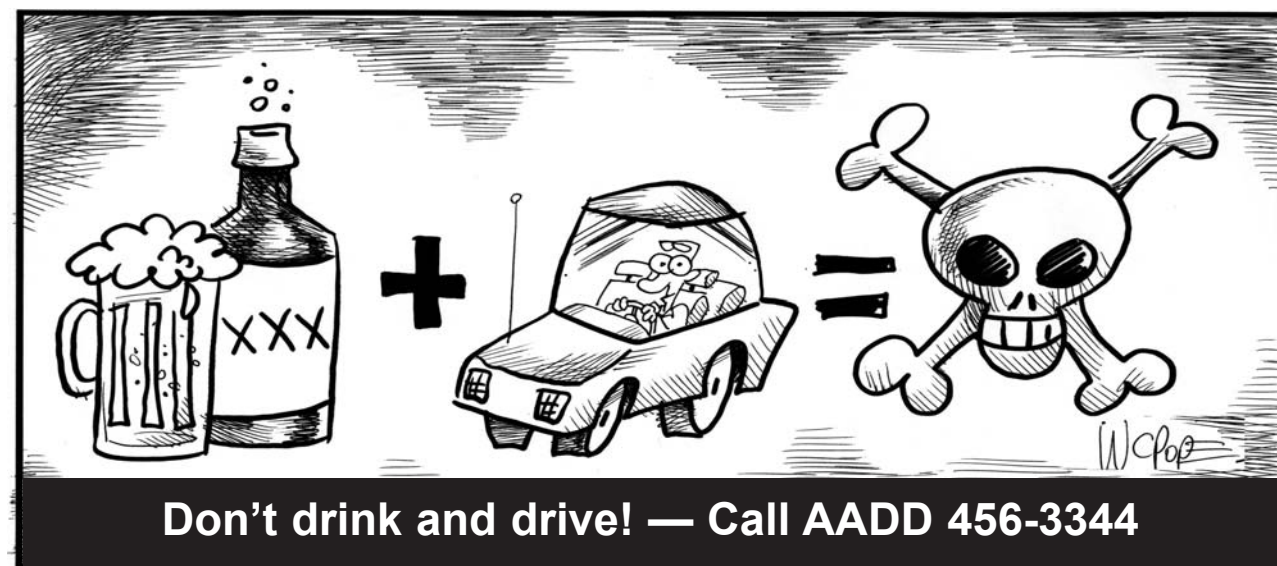
Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller  
2d Bomb Wing commander

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# Learn to celebrate other's diversity

**Editor's note:** Due to a glitch in the production process of the Jan. 14 issue of *The Bombardier*, a paragraph was omitted from the 2d Medical Operations Squadron commentary. The full commentary follows.

**By Lt. Col. Florence Valley**

2D MEDICAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON

Recently, I have been dwelling on the concept of diversity. What makes it worth celebrating and what keeps it floating around in contention?

I reflected on initial meetings I hold with my new squadron members. When I first started these meetings, they were more about the new person and not so much about me. They were more of an interview than a dialogue.

Then I noticed that if we shared something in common, like the area of the country we grew up in, or raising a child of the same age, we tended to talk longer and at a more personal level. It was definitely a good start for developing a relationship.

It became apparent that we felt at ease when discussing our similarities, sharing snippets of our lives. When our backgrounds were very dissimilar, it some-

times took longer to get to an easy flow of dialogue – to click. And sometimes it just didn't happen at all.

Being unique is a fun thing, but it doesn't seem to open up the conversation like having a shared experience. However, finding something in common with each other isn't always possible to stumble across in a short conversation.

So I have learned over time to share and take pride in my own diversity, using it as a link when similarities are scarce.

Unique is being a South Dakota farm girl, the youngest of 11 kids, who became a nurse, joined the Air Force, married and had a family, while moving to 10 different locations (so far).

But it's still more about facts and less

about sharing life's stories. Yet we often become more familiar with something by learning basic information and building from there. Starting a relationship in this way works too, it just takes longer.

We've all experienced the immediate connection we feel with someone who shares the same interest or passion as we do. The more similarities make it feel more like we've known them forever. Maybe the same things that draw us naturally toward similarity are the same things that keep us from embracing diversity.

So what then?

I know I'm not alone thinking diversity is of great value. The successes of a team made up of multitalented individuals are often greater than a team composed of people exactly alike. The

philosopher Jerome Nathanson wrote, "The price of the democratic way of life is a growing appreciation of people's differences, not merely as tolerable, but as the essence of a rich and rewarding human experience."

If you don't think diversity is worthwhile, just do the same motion over and over again. So perhaps diversity isn't so unnatural and we need and thrive on both. Maybe some of us just aren't as good at incorporating diversity into our lives as others.

I've told my daughter a million times in her short life that if she wants to get good at something she has to practice. It's funny that we don't usually mind practicing stuff we have a knack for, like my daughter's swimming. She could swim from sun up to sun down. Reading, on the other hand, is hard for her, so she has to struggle to find the desire to practice.

Maybe it's the same with diversity. For some people it comes easily, but others need to work at it more. In January we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King: the man and his ideals. We could all benefit from thinking about what comes easy and what we need to work on to incorporate diversity into our lives.







# Barksdale Airmen prepare for upcoming tax season

STAFF REPORTS

Barksdale's tax center is open for the 2004 tax season.

The tax center is located in the basement of the Military Personnel Flight building and is open from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Walk-in service is Tuesdays and Thursday for 1040EZ's.

Appointments can be scheduled Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for all other types of returns.

To make an appointment call 456-4765, 456-7489, 456-7487, 456-7486 or 456-7491. The tax center emphasizes appointments for all returns other than 1040EZ's.

Tax center volunteers offer free tax preparation and electronic filing for active duty, retirees, guard and reserve members, as well as family members.

Last year volunteers processed more than 1,700 federal returns resulting in more than \$2.5 million in refunds and saving the Barksdale community more than \$180,000 in filing fees.

Prior to making an appointment, members or spouses need the following information:

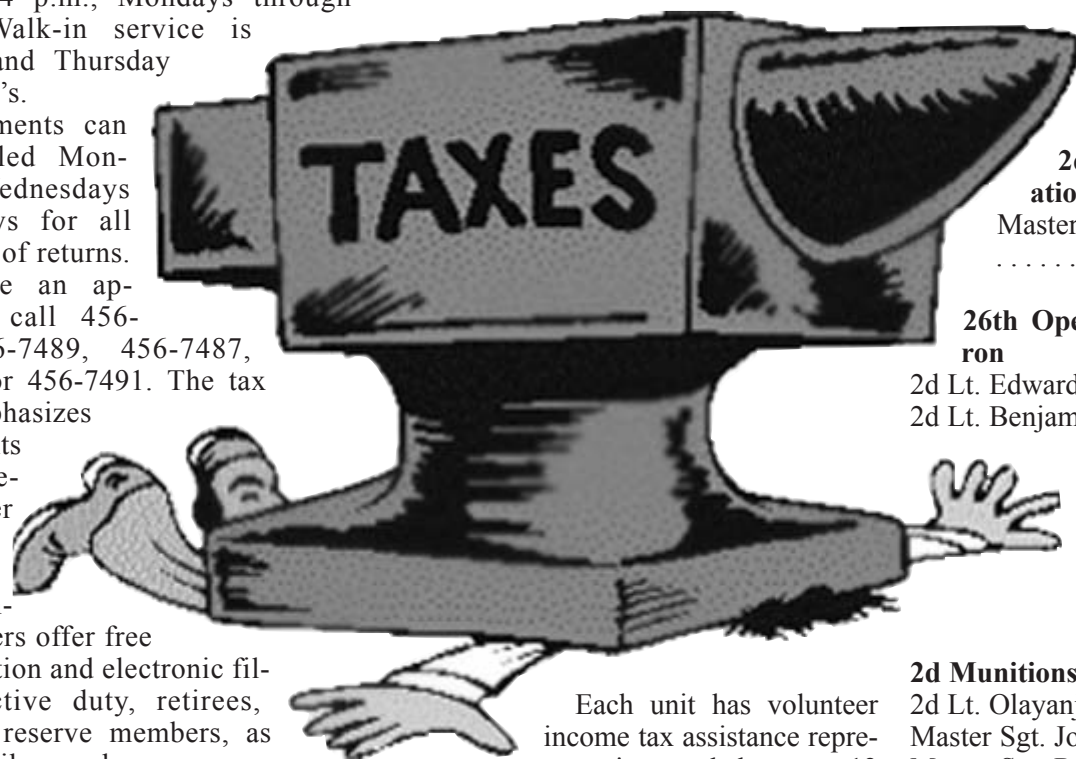
- The types of returns being filed are the 1040EZ, 1040A or 1040
- All necessary tax documents must be gathered and accessible
- If a 1040 or 1040A was previously filed, a copy of last year's return is needed

"There are many documents required to file taxes depending on individual circumstances," said Staff Sgt. Linda Garza, 2d Bomb Wing Judge Advocate General Office.

The following are mandatory documents required to file taxes if applicable:

- Picture ID card
- All W-2s (for every job held in 2004)
- Social Security cards and dates of birth for all persons claimed on tax return
- Documentation authorizing members to claim child exemptions when child does not reside with member (divorce decree or separation agreement)
- Power of attorney if filing on behalf of another member
- Any 1099 or 1098 forms (interest earned on accounts)
- Any educational documents for claiming tuition and fees and/or interest paid on education loans
- Any childcare documentation for claiming child care, including federal ID for daycare provider
- Mortgage and state tax documentation for property owners if itemizing

- Any investment documentation (last year's tax return, if applicable)
- Documented charitable donations
- Alimony payments
- Cancelled check or deposit slip with your bank's routing number and account number



Each unit has volunteer income tax assistance representatives and there are 12 returning VITA representatives.

"All volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS on federal returns," Sergeant Garza said. "People must contact their unit representatives to schedule appointments."

The following is a list of the 2d Bomb Wing's VITA representatives:

## 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Stephen Ward . . . 456-6877  
Tech. Sgt. Miguel Avila . . . . 456-2727  
Tech. Sgt. Wesley Gray . . . . 456-1175  
Senior Airman Mark Reynolds 456-2787

## 2d Comptroller Squadron

2d Lt. Tommy Dawson . . . . 456-4500  
Tech. Sgt. Eugene Wiggins . . 456-5987

## 2d Civil Engineer Squadron

2d Lt. Brad Cox . . . . . 456-6413

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Staff Sgt. Jeri Williams . . . . 456-8367

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Tech. Sgt. Richard Driscoll . . 456-4843

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. . . . . 456-5021 or 456-5935  
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Tech. Sgt. Deborah Liesveld . . 456-2525  
Tech. Sgt. Cindy Louvierre . . 456-3959  
Tech. Sgt. Michael Evans . . . 456-3565  
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. . . . . 456-4440  
Airman 1st Class Melissa Vallia  
. . . . . 456-0115  
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. . . . . 456-4014

Airman 1st Class Desiree Jackson  
. . . . . 456-4014

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. . . . . 456-6673  
Staff Sgt. Paul Barnett  
. . 456-3126 or 456-8483  
Mr. Russ Foreman  
. . . . . 456-6987

## 2d Maintenance Operations Squadron

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. . . . . 456-7479

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2d Lt. Edward Goetz . . . . . 456-3024  
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. . . . . 456-3024

## 2d Mission Support Squadron

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Master Sgt. Robert McKay . . 456-4387  
Tech. Sgt. Anthony Khan . . . 456-5168  
Staff Sgt. Ulysses Fortuna . . . 456-2904  
Staff Sgt. Khalio Borum . . . . 456-4838  
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steele . . . 456-5168  
Staff Sgt. Matthew Klund . . . 456-4089  
Senior Airman George Carter 456-2149

Airman 1st Class Stephen Bell 456-4089

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. . . . . 456-5054  
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. . . . . 456-1793  
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Klein  
. . . . . 456-5908  
Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson . . . 456-2883

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Tech. Sgt. Maurice Naylor . . . 456-4402  
Staff Sgt. Michael Hill . . . . 456-1344  
Staff Sgt. Paul Stacey . . . . 456-2531  
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Zier . . . . 456-2531  
Airman 1st Class John Szewczyk  
. . . . . 456-2551  
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. . . . . 456-2531

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Staff Sgt. Jesse Palacios . . . . 456-8607  
Staff Sgt. Wakanda Davis . . . 456-8486  
Mrs. Cynthia Coker . . . . . 456-0017

## 2d Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. John Alden . . . . . 456-7381  
Staff Sgt. Arthur Joseph . . . . 456-8181

## 20th Bomb Squadron

1st Lt. Todd Kavouras . . . . . 456-5038

## 96th Bomb Squadron

1st Lt. Christopher Miller . . . 456-5268



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ONE SUICIDE IS ONE TOO MANY







# Exercise brings officers from all services, ranks

STAFF REPORTS

Barksdale members can expect more traffic coming through the gates, fewer parking spaces and longer lines at base facilities because of Blue Flag 05-1 and Joint Task Force Exercise 05-2.

On top of the already challenging exercises, Barksdale is host to a large number of high-ranking visitors during the exercises.

Because of the many general officers on Barksdale for the exercise, 2d Bomb Wing leadership reminds people to pay attention to their surroundings and practice their customs and courtesies.

“Showing the proper customs and courtesies is simply the right thing to do, whenever I work with comrades from our sister services I always brush up on their ranks ... just like our Airmen, they’ve well earned their rank,” said Col. Eldon Woodie, 2d Bomb Wing vice commander.

About 600 people who are at Barksdale are part of more than 5,000 from around the country and out at sea participating in Blue Flag 05-1 and Joint Task Force Exercise 05-2. Blue Flag and JTFEX involves members of the Air Force, Navy, Army, British Royal Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force.











The main purpose of Blue Flag is to certify staff from the 8th Air Force Combined Air Operations Center for deployment.

Similarly, JTFEX is to certify the U.S. Third Fleet’s Carl Vinson Carrier Group out of San Diego, Calif., for deployment.

The two exercises run back-to-back, but are markedly different. Blue Flag is an Air Combat Command-sponsored activity for numbered Air Forces, while JTFEX is a Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff-approved, U.S. Joint Forces Command-sponsored field training exercise.

The following insignia helps identify navy officers:

## U.S. Navy officer ranks

			
Ensign	Lieutenant Junior Grade	Lieutenant	
			
Lieutenant Commander	Commander	Captain	
			
Rear Admiral Lower Half	Rear Admiral Upper Half	Vice Admiral	Admiral





## News briefs

### Retirement

#### Master Sgt. Wayne Penrod

Master Sgt. Wayne Penrod, 2d Bomb Wing, retires during a ceremony today at 3:30 p.m. in the Dougherty Center. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military.

#### Master Sgt. Todd Krentzel

Master Sgt. Todd Krentzel, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service in a ceremony today at 2 p.m. in the 11th Bomb Squadron theater. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Senior Master Sgt. Emmanuel Starks at 456-2915 or Master Sgt. Edward Paffett at 5726 for more information.

#### Master Sgt. Richard Larson Jr.

Master Sgt. Richard Larson Jr., 2d Communication Squadron, retires after 26 years of dedicated service in a ceremony at the Dougherty Center, today at 2 p.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Master Sgt. Chip Wurslin at 456-3200 or 456-3042 for more information.

### New visitor center

The vehicle registration section will begin operating from the new visitor's center, adjacent to the Shreveport Gate Tuesday. The newly remodeled facility offers convenience for vehicle registration, vehicle decal renewal, as well as passes for students attending Louisiana Technical University. Vehicle registration and long-term pass services are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Customers are reminded that when registering for or renewing base decals, they must present a valid state driver's license, current proof of insurance and current state registration. Members operating a vehicle for which the registration identifies another owner must provide a lease agreement, power of attorney or notarized statement from the owner granting them permission to use that vehicle and the dates of authorized use.

### Nametags

Members who ordered nametags through military clothing sales in 2004 need to pick them up by Jan. 30 or they will be disposed of. Call Ms. Rita

Murray at 746-6429 for more information.

### Honor guard awards

The following base honor guard members earned awards for the fourth quarter of 2004: Most improved member — Airman 1st Class Lisa Berry, 2d Maintenance Squadron; superior performer — Airman 1st Class Kevin Ford, 2d MXS; and flight of the quarter — B Flight.

The following base honor guard members earned annual awards for 2004: Most improved member for the year — Senior Airman Sherman Wickins, 2d Munitions Squadron; superior performer of the year — Senior Airman Anthony Nelson, 2d Communications Squadron; and flight of the year — B Flight.

### Scholarship deadline

The deadline for the \$1,500 scholarships through the Scholarships for Military Children Program is Feb. 16 and all applications must be delivered to the commissary by the close of business that day. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants. The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty members, including Coast Guard, Guard and Reserve and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. The application can be downloaded at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) or [www.military-scholar.org](http://www.military-scholar.org) and filled out by hand or on the computer. Copies of the application are also available at commissaries worldwide.

### Veterans needed

The R.W. Norton Art Foundation is looking for World War II veterans willing to participate in an oral history interview. The gallery will make an audio recording and a transcript of each interview and present the participant with his own personal copies. People interested should call Mr. Phil Lynch at 865-4201 for more information.

# F/A-22 cleared to resume flight

#### WIRE REPORTS

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — The Air Force cleared the F/A-22 Raptor to resume flight operations Jan. 6 following a comprehensive review of procedural and engineering data in the wake of the Dec. 20, 2004, accident at Nellis

Air Force Base, Nev.

While the safety board investigation continues, Air Force officials said they are highly confident in the design, testing, and development of the most technologically advanced fighter in the world.

With approximately 7,000 flight hours al-

ready logged in the Raptor and an overwhelmingly positive safety record when compared to previous aircraft development programs, the decision was made that flight operations can be safely resumed.

No one was injured in the Dec. 20 accident.





J. Manny Guendulay/The Bombardier

### Serving off duty

Right to left: Senior Airman Phyllis Amos, Airman 1st Class Tamara Thompson, Staff Sgt. Valerie Ward and Mrs. Bernadette Brown, all members of the 2d Operations Support Squadron weather flight, serve dinner Monday evening at The Providence House in Shreveport. Members of the squadron wanted to do something for the community in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Providence House helps families in need and helps them become productive members of the community.

## Changes, features added to ID cards

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY  
THE BOMBARDIER

Changes have been made to the common access card for active and reserve duty as well as family member's ID cards.

The changes to the cards are minor and will improve the longevity of the cards. One of the changes is the deletion of the status of card holder as either "active duty," "reserve" or "national guard" below the card holder's name and service seal. Members' cards are still valid until either their status changes or the card expires.

"The Air Force has a lot of guardsmen who are being activated for a short period of time," said Mr. Nate Waters, an ID card site manager attached to the 2d Mission Support Squadron's Military Personnel Flight. "Before this change, they came to us and got a new CAC showing that they are active duty and when that period runs out, they would have to get a new card that says they are moved back to reserve status again."

Instead of replacing so many cards, the CAC now only carries that information on the embedded computer chip.

"It takes about 15 minutes to reprint just one card. With this change, it means less reprints and less time," Mr. Waters said.

Mrs. Charlotte Hikes, customer service team leader in the ID section of the MPF, said the changes will be beneficial for all people visiting her office.

"Because we will not have to issue as many CACs due to the changes, customers should no-

tice shorter waiting times when coming in to get a new card," Mrs. Hikes said.

Another change to the appearance of the card is the omission of the holder's blood type. Mr. Waters said many people are entering the Air Force and do not know their blood type, or worse, they have another blood type listed on their card. This problem was causing more reissues, now blood types will be stored only in the card's microchip.

Citizens of foreign countries who are card holders will also have their homeland only included on the chip and excluded from the card's face.

One of the major beneficial changes to actual cardholders is the MPF's ability to retrieve an old photograph.

"This is an important feature," Mr. Waters said. "Normally when someone loses an ID, they lose their entire wallet, meaning their driver's license is gone, along with any other kind of photo ID."

When this occurred, Mr. Waters said that a long process of verification including questions such as date of birth was the only way of knowing a person's identification.

"Now we have the ability to match a person's old photo so that we can match it with the person asking for a new card. It makes it easier for us to verify who people are, basically," Mr. Waters said.

People who regularly inspect ID cards should talk to see their supervisors for instructions on how to spot the revised CAC cards.

## JAG seeks officers

BY CAPT. KEITH ANDERSON  
2D BOMB WING  
ASSISTANT STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

Company grade officers interested in pursuing a career in the judge advocate general corps can do so by pursuing one of two legal programs offered by the Air Force judge advocate general corps.

The programs, the Funded Legal Education Program and the Excess Leave Program, allow active-duty officers to pursue law degrees without leaving the Air Force and then serve in the JAG corps. Both programs accept applications each year.

Applicants must complete all application forms and apply to a law school that is accredited by the American Bar Association; however, acceptance into the school is not required at time of application. They must also receive their law school admissions test results and complete a staff judge advocate interview by March 1.

Qualifications are found in Air Force Instruction 51-101, Judge Advocate Accession Program, and online at [www.jagusaf-hq.af.mil](http://www.jagusaf-hq.af.mil).

FLEP is a paid legal-studies program.

Program applicants must be active-duty captains with between two and six years of active-duty service as of the first day of law school.

The ELP is an unpaid legal-studies program. Program applicants must have two to 10 years active-duty service before entering law school. They must also be captains with less than three years of time in grade or below as of the first day of law school.

Both programs are very competitive, said Maj. Rachel VanLandingham, recruiting branch chief for the Air Force Office of the Judge Advocate General. The overall 2004 selection rate for the programs was 18 percent, according to the JAG recruiting web site.

Maj. John Gilliland and Capt. Keith Anderson from the 2d Bomb Wing Legal Office, both recent FLEP accessions to the JAG corps, are available to discuss the programs with anyone interested in learning more.

Anyone interested in either program can call them or Lt. Col. Gerald Bruce at 456-2562 for more information.



# 2d OSS keeps Barksdale flying



A 2d OSS watch supervisor surveys the Barksdale flightline.

## Eye in the sky Tower operators orchestrate Barksdale’s airspace

STORY AND PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. KRISTINA BARRETT  
2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

High above Barksdale, 12 stories or so, give or take a few feet, five Airmen man the air traffic control tower. Their territory is a 5-mile radius around the base, including the 2,500 feet above it. With almost two miles of runway to manage, air traffic controllers at Barksdale play a key role in getting aircraft not only airborne, but back home safely too. The 31 controllers who make up the ATC flight of the 2d Operations Support Squadron ensure aircraft entering or exiting their airspace do so safely and without so much as a bump in operations. “This job is all about peaks and valleys,” said Capt. Malia Sharkey, tower flight commander. “We have the busy times when the aircraft are either taking off, landing or in the flight pattern. Other times, we have nothing in the airspace.” Whatever is happening in the sky, it takes everyone working together as a team to make it happen. The team consists of five basic positions: local — in charge of the airspace and active runway; ground — controls all ground movement, aircraft and vehicle; flight data — controls all the data; watch supervisor — con-

trols all three; and the supervisor of flying — an aircrew member who acts as a liaison between the tower and the 2d Operations Group. However, most of the time, those who are either in upgrade training or training to take over a new position spend most of their day in the “cab.” “When we’re in the cab, we don’t have the luxury of taking time to look up rules, we have to know our regulations by heart,” Captain Sharkey said. “Controllers must be proactive thinkers who can see a situation for what it is or what it will become and act on it.” Acting on a situation comes from every member of the team and everyone in the cab, including the trainee. After technical school, Airmen arrive at their first duty station to hone their skills and keep their noses in the books. Until they become a rated controller, which takes anywhere between nine to 18 months, they are under the watchful eyes of a trainer. Trainees are talking to the planes, watching airspace and keeping their eyes peeled, just like any other member of the team. Airmen aren’t just in charge of their position, they have a duty requirement to keep their eyes on what’s happening. “It’s a system of checks and balances,”

said Senior Airman Phyllis Amos, controller and trainer. “Everyone looks out for everyone else. You must be on your toes sequencing and separating what’s happening while remembering all the rules and keeping safety your number one priority.” Flexibility is the common thread that runs through these Airmen. When the sky is filled with planes, lives and equipment hang in the balance. “Our Airmen must be able to think on their feet,” said Tech. Sgt. Al Webster, assistant chief controller. “Situations have a tendency to change in seconds. You have five seconds to formulate a plan of action and if you can’t, the whole picture falls apart.” Working in such a high stress job takes a certain kind of person. The controllers agree that common sense and keeping a cool head are requirements for the job. After all, orchestrating millions of dollars in equipment as well as countless lives in the air and on the ground requires nerves of steel and a few drops of ice water in their veins. “In this job you truly find out what you’re made of,” Airman Amos said. “You make sure the pilot lands safely, then you both can go home to your families.”

## Eye of the storm 2d OSS weather flight’s Airmen predict future

STORY AND PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. KRISTINA BARRETT  
2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The first things that strikes people walking through the door of the base weather shop isn’t the massive rack of weather analysis equipment on the wall, it’s the less sophisticated Magic 8-Ball and the affectionately named “weather rock.” Although these aren’t the actual tools of the trade for the 2d Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight, sometimes, due to the unpredictability of the weather, they may be a better alternative than the highly technical equipment at their disposal. The weather even stumps those who’ve been doing the job for many years. In Mr. Duane Chilton’s case, about 40 years, 19 of them spent at Barksdale. “People think you know everything since you’ve been around so long, but in this business, you never know everything,” he said. It may not seem to be a challenge to look at a radar screen or go outside and look at the sky, but those who think that’s what the weather shop does are sorely mistaken. Weather Airmen enter into the field with approximately a year of formal training under their belt. All of this training culminates in one thing: the weather forecast. “A lot of time goes into a forecast,” said Senior Airman Shemika Dixon, weather observer and forecaster. “Flexibility is important because weather impacts day to day operations. Some people don’t understand what goes into doing a forecast.” What does go into a forecast is the equivalent of “predicting the future,” said Tech. Sgt. Randy Sabin, who is poised to take over the station chief job in a few weeks. “Our focus is flying operations and protecting life and property from weather ele-

ments,” he said. “We do this by using various resources to get a good picture of what the weather will look like at a given time. We use the data to anticipate the future based on the activity of the past. But, because weather is unpredictable, it may not do what we think it will do. Nothing is ever typical.” Typical is a word that rarely enters the vocabulary of anyone in the weather shop, in reference to the weather or their workday. “Every day we come in, it’s something different,” said Staff Sgt. Jessica Moore, observer and forecaster. “It all depends on what you have sitting on your ramp.” The reason for the difference comes from the weather requirements for various airframes, fighters, bomber, helicopters and cargo aircraft. “A B-52 can handle higher winds than a fighter can,” she said. “In other circumstances, either an aircraft can’t be near lightening or can’t handle hail, if we get it.” Forecasters must be familiar with the rules for all aircraft, not only because Barksdale has a busy ramp, but because they never know where they’ll end up. Weather forecasters are legacies left over from the Army Air Corps days. Approximately 40 percent of the career field is assigned to an Army post. Sergeant Sabin, who has ate, slept, read and trained Army, thinks it’s not so bad, but given the choice, he said he’d rather be Air Force. Just because the weather may be unpredictable, the observers and forecasters don’t let that get in their way. One thing that remains constant is situational awareness. “Our first priority coming on the job is identifying the biggest weather problem of the day,” Sergeant Sabin said. “Then we look at the flying schedule and determine how the weather will impact the

planned missions.” Because the weather has such an impact on the flying schedule, weather Airmen are a permanent fixture in the flying squadrons, briefing them daily on forecasted conditions. “Substantial decisions are made from the information we provide,” Sergeant Sabin said. “We anticipate the weather and use it to our benefit. Flying schedules have been changed based on our forecasts.” Since the bulk of flying doesn’t happen in the immediate local area, forecasters must predict the weather using radar and other inputs from stations along the entire route. “Our aircraft may be in Utah or Guam, which both have different weather patterns,” Airman Dixon said. “The areas we’re flying in have my focus so sometimes I may not know what the weather is like here.”

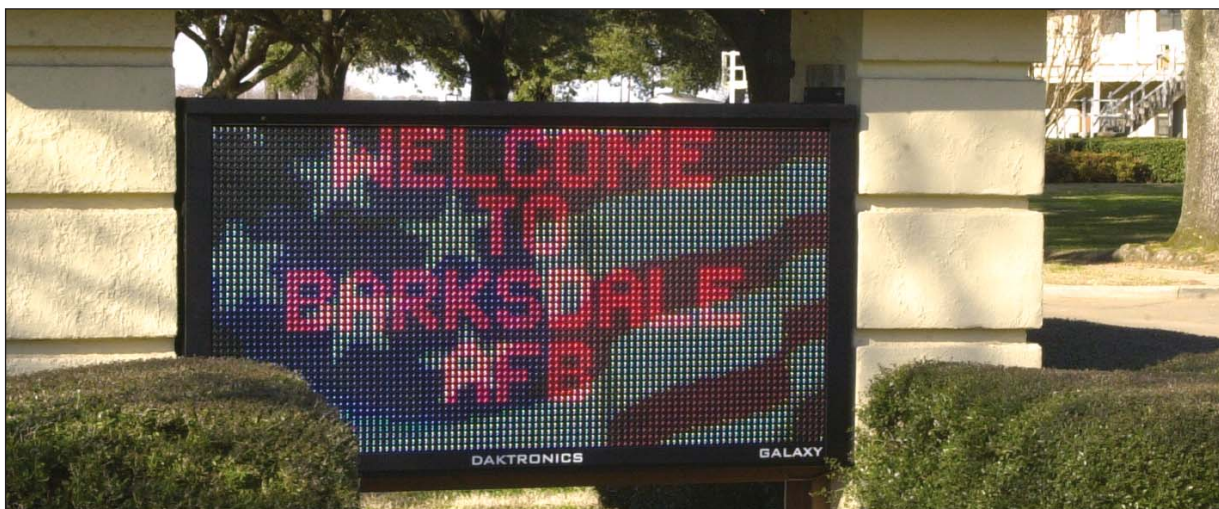
Although weather patterns may offer some degree of predictability, the nature of weather is ever changing. Because of this, Mr. Chilton has sage advice for all of the weather Airmen he’s seen come and go over the years. “Forecasting is not a science, it’s an art,” he said. “If you give the same colors to 100 different artists, you will get 100 different pictures. The same is true with forecasters, if you give the same weather data to 100 forecasters, you will get 100 different weather forecasts.” “In other words, we don’t agree,” Sergeant Moore said with a laugh. “However satisfaction comes from putting it all together — maps, radar, information, training — and actually being right.” Looks like the Magic 8-ball and weather rock will maintain their silence. Of course, there are always the amateurs.



Above: Senior Airman C.J. Petty uses a lazer range finder, which reveals distance of objects to determine maximum visibility. Below: Staff Sgt. Jessica Moore checks the interface of the base’s tactical weather station, which measures current conditions such as humidity, rain and temperature.







Airman 1st Class Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

### Oh say can you see

Members of the 2d Communications Squadron and 2d Civil Engineer Squadron added some color to Barksdale's entrances when they installed new marquees at the Bossier City and Shreveport gates Jan. 12 and 13. To request a message be posted on the marquees, e-mail [marquee@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:marquee@barksdale.af.mil).

## B-52 EWO graduates test pilot school

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRANDON KUSEK

THE BOMBARDIER

An electronic warfare officer from the 340th Weapons Squadron graduated from the Air Force's Test Pilot School Dec. 11 at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Maj. Shannon Driscoll, a Rossville, Kan., native, jumped at the opportunity to attend but faced a difficult selection process.

"I got started when Major (Ed) Bellum, my immediate aircraft commander, and Major (Merrice) Spencer a radar navigator I worked with, were selected for TPS. They sparked my interest in the school," Major Driscoll said.

"All of us at the 340th (Weapons Squadron) are very proud of him," said Lt. Col. Carl Gramlick, 340th WPS commander. "It's a fantastic morale boost to know a graduate from our weapons school had the opportunity to go to test pilot school."

The test pilot school has an annual selection board each November that selects classes of about 18 students for the following January and July. The board selects pilots, navigators and engineers for the classes. Air Force Instruction 99-107, Test Pilot School, lists the eligibility for applying.

Formal training lasts one year. The major described a normal day in class.

"We would usually fly in the morning because we were taught that test flying is better done in the morning because the air is less turbulent," Major Driscoll said. "Then we would have classes in the afternoon."

The major flew more than 25 aircraft ranging from the B-17, a World War II era bomber, to more modern aircraft such as the F-15 and F-16.

"I did most of my training in the T-38," the major said. "They tried to get us out of our comfort zone; they had people who fly large aircraft working with fighters and vice-versa."

The classroom material was taught in four different phases; performance, flying qualities, systems phase and test management phase.

"During the performance phase we studied three sub categories: subsonic airspeeds below .7 mach; transonic airspeeds .7 to 1.2 mach; and supersonic airspeeds 1.2 mach and above, and what each of three categories do to airflow, instruments and how they affect basic lift, drag and thrust," Major Driscoll said.

During the flying qualities section, the class studied the handling qualities of multiple aircraft.

"Obviously a B-52 is slower than an F-16 and a pilot has to use more strength and force to get a B-52 to per-

form at its max compared to an F-16," the major said.

The systems phase of the class combines the first two sections of the class and uses the knowledge to look at how to upgrade current aircraft.

"Since I work with the B-52, I'll mainly be working on developing the stand-off jammer," Major Driscoll said.

The stand-off jammer is an enhanced radar jamming system that will enable the B-52 to confuse anti-aircraft radar from a safe distance away.

The last section of the class, test management, involves the class participating in a test program for an industry culminating everything they've learned into one final project.

"We do the paperwork, planning, flying and reporting," Major Driscoll said. "We took everything from our first three months and combined it in the last three."

"The academics were very challenging," he said. "I was basically learning graduate-level aeronautical engineering material."

In addition to the Air Force test pilot school flying experience, the major's class experienced sister service and allied forces test pilot school by visiting the Navy's Test Pilot School and Empire Test Pilot School for Britain's Royal Air Force in England.

Reflecting on his time at the school, the major said the experience will last him a lifetime.

"One of the aircraft we flew was the HU-16 Albatross, a World War II amphibious aircraft," the major said. "It was strange because we actually landed it on a lake."

In addition to the knowledge gained and different aircraft flown, Major Driscoll met many famous pilots.

"It was amazing meeting people like Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, who is the first female shuttle commander, some of the X-15 pilots and retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager," Major Driscoll said. "They're just names in a book until you get to meet them in person."

"I never thought I'd have a chance to go to test pilot school as a B-52 EWO so it was very rewarding," the major said.

Maj. Driscoll is back at Barksdale being requalified on the B-52 before returning to Edwards.



Maj. Shannon Driscoll



## Services events

*For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at [www.barksdaleservices.com](http://www.barksdaleservices.com)*

### Bingo mania is back

The bingo buffet and early bird bingo begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the officers club. Come for a chance to win the progressive cash jackpot or other prizes. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend for an evening of fun. All ranks are welcome. Call 456-4926 for more information.

Bingo is also at the enlisted club Mondays through Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

### Hold 'em card tournament

The hold 'em card tournament is scheduled at the officers club. Sign up is at 6 p.m. Feb. 4 and play begins at 6:30 p.m. All ranks are invited to compete for the title. All players receive a \$10 buffet meal and play is free. Call 456-4926 for more information.

### Trash-n-treasures alley

A trash-n-treasures sale is scheduled Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center. Space rental is \$10. For more information or space registration, call 456-5594.

### Child care

Children in kindergarten through age 12 may enroll for before and after school care Feb. 1 after school. This program is accredited by the National After-school Association. Hourly care is available beginning Feb. 1 after school. For more information, call 456-3448.

### Frank's coming soon

Frank's Soups, Salads and Subs on Toasted Buns is coming in March to the enlisted club and will feature a wide variety of hot and cold sandwiches and specialty salads made for people on the go.

### Miss Saigon

Gifts and Getaways has tickets to "Miss Saigon," at Shreveport's Strand Theater. The show runs March 12 and 13. Stop by the Strand box office or Gifts and Getaways in the base exchange mall to get the military discount.

### 10 percent off

The officers club provides members with 10-percent off meals Friday to introduce the new menu. Membership application forms are available at the officers club. Stop by or call 456-4926 for more information.

### Youth upscale living tour

Smart Moves is giving youth the opportunity to tour the Horseshoe Hotel Jan. 29. The group departs from the youth center at 4 p.m. and returns at 8 p.m. Youth ages 10 to 18 may attend and cost is \$1 per person. Call 456-3448 for more information.

### Specials

Stop by the bowling center snack bar to pick up a lunch bunch punch card. The staff will punch the card with every meal purchase. The 10th meal is free. The offer is good for all combo items on the menu. Call 456-4162 for more information.

The bowling center also offers ready-to-go meals. Enjoy turkey or ham poboys with cheese on a fresh hoagie roll served with chips and a soda. Price is \$3.50 and guests can get in and out quickly in less than five minutes. Stop by the bowling center Monday through Friday for a grab-n-go meal.



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## Senior Airman Shemika Dixon Cajun Warrior Attitude

*Catch it!*

**Family:** Mother, Inette; father, Daniel; and sisters, Dina and Kaylla Wells

**Hometown:** Montgomery, Ala.

**Unit:** 2d Operations Support Squadron

**Job title:** Weather forecaster

**Job description:** Provide weather support to all Department of Defense agencies

**Most rewarding job aspect:** Seeing the weather change before my eyes

**Goals:** To complete my bachelor's degree and make staff sergeant in May

**Hobbies:** Reading and writing poetry

**What motivates my winning attitude:** Constant support from my family, friends and unit

**Favorite TV show:** Girlfriends

**Favorite meal:** Seafood portifino

**Favorite sports team:** Tuskegee Tigers

**Favorite performer:** Beyonce

**Favorite book:** Beloved by Toni Morrison

**I'm proudest of:** The confidence I have developed doing my job

**Best day of my life:** Will be the day I complete my degree

**My best asset is:** My ability to effectively communicate

**Person I admire most:** My supervisor, Tech. Sgt. Randy Sabin, who always finds time to mentor and teach me new things

**Pet peeve:** People who don't pull their own weight

**What I like most about Barksdale:** The location

**If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be:** To add more sidewalks





## At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com). Movies are subject to change without notice.  
Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of [www.movieweb.com](http://www.movieweb.com))



### "Closer"

**Rated:** R

**Playing:** Today at 7 p.m.

**Run time:** 104 minutes

**Cast:** Julia Roberts, Jude Law

**Synopsis:** Closer is the story of four strangers, their chance meetings, instant attractions and brutal betrayals. Based on a play by Patrick Marber, the couples find out that love can disappoint when one of them experiences an affair. One man falls in love with his sweetheart at first sight, but, the characters later ponder, is there such a thing as instant passion?

### "Flight of the Phoenix"

**Rated:** PG-13

**Playing:** Saturday at 7 p.m.

**Run time:** 113 minutes

**Cast:** Dennis Quaid, Tyrese Gibson

**Synopsis:** Stranded in Mongolia's Gobi Desert, a pilot and his navigator face challenges in maintaining order among the survivors of a downed C-119 and staying alive. They planned on a trip to shut off a group of rigs falling below their productivity expectations — not fending for their lives. Facing low resources and attack by smugglers, they can only hope to do the "impossible."



### "Closer"

**Rated:** R

**Playing:** Sunday at 7 p.m.

**Run time:** 104 minutes

**Cast:** Julia Roberts, Jude Law

**Synopsis:** Closer is the story of four strangers, their chance meetings, instant attractions and brutal betrayals. Based on a play by Patrick Marber, the couples find out that love can disappoint when one of them experiences an affair. One man falls in love with his sweetheart at first sight, but, the characters later ponder, is there such a thing as instant passion?



### Bomber Trivia

In March 1937, the 2d Bombardment Group became the first unit in the Air Corps to operate the classic, four-engine Boeing product that helped dominate the skies of Europe in World War II. What was the aircraft?

A. B-32 Dominator

B. B-26 Marauder

C. B-29 Superfortress

D. B-17 Flying Fortress

Answer:

D. B-17 Flying Fortress

## Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.  
Reservations required for all events.

### Smooth move

A smooth move briefing is scheduled Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet face-to-face with representatives from the traffic management office, legal, military pay, housing and the Family Support Center. Valuable information is provided to assist in making the move as painless as possible. A 30-minute presentation covering items unique to overseas-bound members is also available.

### Bundles for babies

A bundles for babies workshop is scheduled for Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. This workshop features topics on how to prepare financially for a baby, car seat safety and baby's "first three years." Both father and mother are encouraged to attend and all ranks are welcome. All expectant moms receive a free "bundle" worth \$50. Reservations are required and seating is limited.

### Small business seminar

A small business seminar is scheduled for Thursday at 1:30 p.m. This workshop is facilitated by a professional from the Small Business Development Center. Topics include pitfalls and benefits, research, business plans and more.

### Personal, family readiness briefing

A personal and family readiness briefing is scheduled Thursday at 2 p.m. The Family Support Center's Readiness Team provides information and support during this time of separation. This briefing prepares active duty, spouses, family members and significant others for times of separation.

### Pre-separation briefing

The law directs members separating or retiring attend this briefing as soon as possible within the preceding 12 or 24 months. Better preparation leads to a smoother transition back to civilian life. This mandatory briefing informs members of the resources available as they make this transition.

### Relocation briefing

All members permanently changing station must attend a relocation briefing at least 90 days prior to their departure date. Learn about the many resources available to make a smooth and pleasant transition to the next duty assignment. Call 456-8400 to schedule a relocation briefing.

### Parents, tots playgroup

Join this play group and take a break from the everyday routine. Improve children's social skills, while parents network and share parenting success stories. Parents and tots playgroup is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Two annex.

## Community briefs

### Chapel information

Chapel One is located at 275 Barksdale Boulevard East and Chapel Two is located at 724 Douhet Drive. Call the chapel at 456-2111 for information on chapel services.

### Dining hall information

Call 456-8367 for menu information from the Red River Inn dining facility. Call 456-4769 for menu information from the flight kitchen.





Services stays undefeated

2d SVS runs past 2d MDG 48-43

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRANDON KUSEK

THE BOMBARDIER

The 2d Services Squadron defeated the 2d Medical Group 49-43 during intramural basketball action Tuesday at the sports and fitness center.

The 2d SVS was paced by Anthony Reed who had 21 points, 14 of which came in the second half. Reed was followed in scoring by Kurtis Darden with 13, Todd Willis with 6, Derrick Smith with 4, and Bruce Proctor, Louis Brown and Ricky Lattimore each with 2.

"It was a team effort tonight," said Darden, 2d SVS second leading scorer. "They were bad at getting back on defense which left with a lot of open shots."

The 2d Medical Group had only five players get on the scoreboard and were led by center Deamein Jenkins with 18. C.J. Hartman contributed 14, Jakub Pietrowski added 8, Julian Moore had 4 and Presha Zacariaous had 1 point.

"I just played my game tonight, I played hard," Jenkins said. "I was the biggest man on the floor tonight."

The game started out slow with both teams exchanging baskets with neither team pulling farther than four points from each other until only 1:49 remaining in the first half. Services went on a 7-0 run to take a 24-19 lead but didn't stop there. 2d SVS scored 11 unanswered points to end the half and went into the break with a leading 28-19.

"We started out the first half slow, but I told the guys during halftime that how we played the last two minutes of the first half is how we have to continue playing," said 2d SVS coach Scott Robertson. "I knew we had to bring the intensity to the second half."

The second half saw 2d SVS start to open their lead by going on a 10-0 run that continued their first half run to go up 38-19.

"Our team got a little out of sorts when they got that 20 point lead," said 2d MDG coach Jakub Pietrowski. "I just told my team to keep playing aggressive and make things happen."

But 2d MDG didn't give up. The teams exchanged baskets again until the score was 42-21 in favor of 2d SVS with 14:23 remaining in the game.

The 2d MDG then went on a 8-4 run to make the

score 46-33. With time running out 2d MDG gave it one more shot by going on an 10-0 and bringing the score to 43-47 with 1 minute to go but were not able to come any closer as time expired.

Pietrowski saw good things about his team in the loss. "I liked the way we hung in there after getting down by about 20," he said. "At the end of the game we were in there only down by four points; If we would have gotten a couple of rolls to go our way we could have stolen the game."

Robertson knows his team needs to work on consistency to stay perfect on the season.

"We had that big lead but then fell apart and lost our focus," Roberson said. "But got the victory and that's what matters."

With the win, 2d SVS moves to 6-0 on the season but has yet to face the number two or three team in league.

"We've had some easy games but we're ready for 2d Civil Engineer Squadron and the 2d Operations Group," Robertson said.



Airman 1st Class Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Kurtis Darden, 2d Services Squadron, tries to dribble around a 2d Medical Group defender during Tuesday's intramural basketball game.

Sports shorts

Couples fishing tournament

Outdoor recreation hosts a Valentine's Day, couples fishing tournament Feb. 12 at the Flag Lake housing dock. Participants will compete for the biggest fish of the day. The tournament is a catch and release with a half-pound penalty for dead fish. Cost is \$20 per couple (one man, one woman). Each participant must possess a Louisiana and base fishing permit. Prizes are determined by the number of participants. Registration is Feb. 4. For more information, call 456-7765.

Golf tournament

Fox Run Golf Course hosts a polar bear golf tournament Saturday at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 and normal green fees apply. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Free T-shirt

The fitness center offers the Run, Walk or Bike to Disney World Program. Participants track their cardio miles on a special mileage log. They are awarded a T-shirt when they reach 1,000 miles. All forms of cardio are accepted and mileage is based on the honor system. Pick up a mileage log at the fitness center front desk. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Triple threat program

The fitness center offers a triple threat program. Men and women achieving 1,000 miles, 2,000 push-ups and 2,000 sit-ups receive prizes. Additional prizes are awarded at the 500-mile mark and at the 750 sit-up and push-up mark. Tracking sheets may be picked up at the front desk of the sports and fitness center. Call 456-4135 for details.

Free golf clinics

Fox Run Golf Course offers free golf clinics Saturdays through Jan. 29 at 9 a.m. The clinics include free range balls and free golf club usage. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Call 456-2263 or stop by the Fox Run pro shop to sign up.

Workshops

Link Up To Golf, a PGA-sponsored workshop and series of classes, begins Mar. 15 at Fox Run Golf Course and continues every Saturday throughout the year. The program includes professional instruction on golf fundamentals and actual course time. Cost is \$99 per person and includes six lessons two of which will be an "on course" experience. Call 456-2263 for more information.

Basketball standings

	W	L
2d SVS	6	0
2d CES	5	0
2d OG	4	1
2d CS	4	3
Navy/Marines	3	3
2d LRS	3	3
2d AMXS	2	2
2d MSS/2d MOS	2	4
2d MDG	2	5
Army	1	3
2d MUNS	1	3
2d MXS	1	4
8th AF	1	4

Standings as of Wednesday